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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (RP) submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

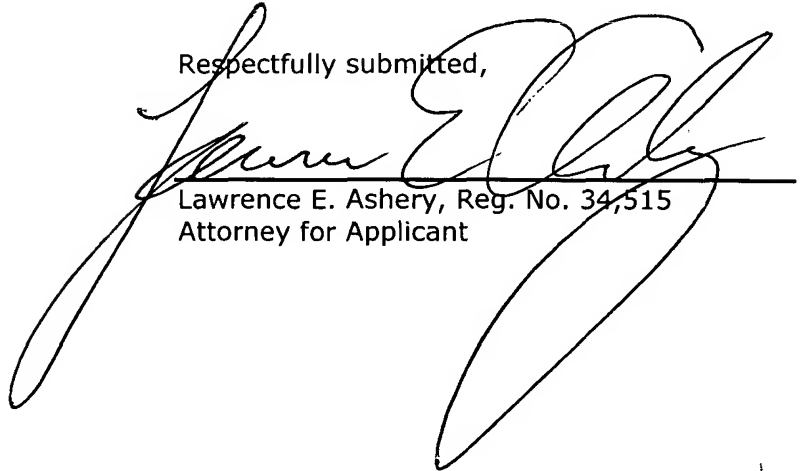
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Reference JP 2000-216827 is not in the English language, but an English abstract is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

Reference JP 2001-345841 is not in the English language, but an English abstract is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith. Also, a "concise explanation" under 37 CFR Section 1.98(a)(3) is set forth in the background portion of the above specification on page 3. .

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,



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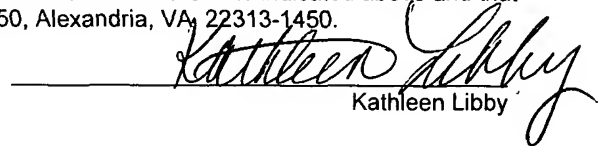
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